

RADIO STAMPS
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Introduction

Hello again to radio listeners and stamp collectors around the world. You're tuned to the monthly program that's all about the fun of collecting stamps on the topic of radio. If you're listening for the first time, a special welcome to you. If you're a regular listener, welcome back again. This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps all about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, including radio stations, inventors and amateur radio, to name just a few. Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

Regular features on this program include descriptions of stamps to collect, and discussions of radio subjects on stamps. I also have contests to win radio stamps.

I hope you'll join me each month, here on HCJB. I also hope you'll write to me with your comments and news for the program. If there's a radio stamp subject you'd like to hear about, drop me a line and let me know. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

Thank You CKCU

To start the program this month, I'd like to say thanks again to the staff at radio station CKCU for their kind help in recording this program in the campus studio at Carleton University. As I mentioned last month, CKCU is a community radio station at Carleton University, in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. It can be heard in the national capital area on the frequency of 93.1 MHz in the FM band. A big thanks today to the staff at CKCU for their help in improving the audio quality of the Radio Stamps program.

Anniversary Program

The program this month is an anniversary for the Radio Stamps feature, here on HCJB. Last month was program number 12, and today's feature marks the beginning of the second year of Radio Stamps on the DX Partyline. Back on program 1, Radio Stamps was very much an experiment, as a volunteer project. Over the past 12

programs the response has been great, with letters of support from listeners around the world. The biggest problem with the program has been my travel away from home with my regular job. Last year this resulted in more than a few months delay between programs 4 and 5. I'm happy to say this problem has been resolved.

Thanks very much to the many listeners who wrote with comments and contributions for the Radio Stamps program. Thank you as well for your good suggestions on improving the program. I enjoy hearing from you, and I hope you'll take the time to write with your comments, your suggestions for improvements, and your news for the program during this second year on the DX Partyline.

One of the popular subjects during the past 12 programs was radio stations on stamps. I had collecting tips for you about anniversary stamps for HCJB, Radio Australia and Radio Havana Cuba. Other subjects on the program included amateur radio on stamps, radio programs on stamps, and morse code on stamps. I even had tips for you on collecting radio listeners on stamps. The contests to win radio stamps were a lot of fun too. There were winners from England, the U.S.A., New Zealand, Sweden and West Australia. The prizes included postage stamps, first day covers and radio stamp T-shirts. On the last program the subject was radio inventors. I featured the 1987 stamp, from Canada, for the invention of AM radio by the Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden. Coming up in the next 12 programs will be more collecting tips for you, and more contests to win radio stamps.

Radio Havana Cuba

If you were listening to the 30th anniversary program of Radio Havana Cuba, you know that a new postage stamp was not issued this year on May 1 for the station's 30th anniversary. I received a nice telephone call about this, just a few days before the program, on April 27, direct from Cuba. Roberto Garcia called from Radio Havana Cuba. Roberto advised that the 1986 first day cover from Cuba, for the station's 25th anniversary stamp, was being reissued with a special cancellation for the station's 30th anniversary in 1991. It's the first time in philatelic history, that I know of, where a first day cover for a radio stamp has been reissued at a later date, with a special cancellation, for the new anniversary of a radio station. This is certainly a philatelic treasure that should be added to any radio stamps collection. Thank you to Roberto Garcia for that important collecting tip. I enjoyed our interview Roberto for that special 30th anniversary program on Radio Havana Cuba.

Thank You for Your Support

Before I close today's program, I'd like to say thank you as well to a few other special people for their help over the past 12 programs: Brent Allred and Rich McVicar of the DX Partyline at HCJB for their support; Rolando Pelaez, of Radio Havana Cuba, for his donation of the first day covers as contest prizes on program 11;

and Paul Washa, of Mound, Minnesota, for his donation of the T-shirts as contest prizes on program 7.

Correction

I also have one correction to make. On program 7, I mistakenly identified Paul Washa as living in the state of Montana, rather than in Minnesota, in the United States. Although I gave his correct name, street address and zip code, I incorrectly identified the abbreviation of "MN" in his address as Montana instead of Minnesota. Paul has a business that produces T-shirts with a large reproduction of the amateur radio stamp issued in the U.S. in 1964. If you would like information about this unique radio stamp T-shirt, please write to Paul Washa, 4916 Three Points Boulevard, Mound, Minnesota, 55364-1245, U.S.A.

That's all for today's anniversary program. As promised, here's my mailing address. I'd be pleased to receive your comments and news for the program. Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. The address again is ... Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.